

2004 Report of Accomplishments

Pine Creek Conservation District



Natural Resource Improvements in 2004 - Summary

- 2,714 acres of CRP providing 80% reduction in sediments and pesticides entering district waterways.
- Over 1500 contacts were made with producers and the general public through meetings, walk-in assistance, telephone support, newsletters and one-on-one technical assistance.
- Set up district GPS to assist with district inventories and on-farm mapping and planning.



Local producer seeding new CRP in Corridor between highway and Pine Creek stream

Mission of the Pine Creek Conservation District

- The mission of the district is to work in cooperation with private landowners and other local, state and federal agencies to voluntarily protect, enhance and restore natural resources in the Pine Creek Conservation District. This mission will be accomplished with information/education, technical and financial assistance, and assessment of local natural resource conditions and concerns. The district will foster community involvement in natural resource issues and cooperation between private landowners, government agencies, nonprofit organizations and private business.

Water Quality Implementation

- 300 acres of new filter strips designed and installed.
- 175 acres of new grass waterways designed and installed.
- 2,714 acres of new CRP installed.
- 29 new CRP plans written.
- A major training effort was made this year with NRCS in order to provide better technical assistance in the planning and application of BMPs.
- A GPS was purchased, set up and integrated with GIS to provide better water quality inventories, on-farm mapping and measurements, and better reporting of district progress.

Basic Funding

- Basic funding is used mainly for salaries and office expenses for not-eligible water quality grant items. These items are mostly information/education activities for producers and the general public, providing walk-in and phone-in assistance.
- Basic funding also used for support of monthly board meetings, district elections, training and basic office expenses
- Basic funding allows us to "keep the doors open" for daily assistance to our producers and the general public. The current level of Basic funding is inadequate to provide the level of service required by the public and producers.

Professional Engineering

- Pine Creek Conservation District participates in use of the S.E. area cluster for a shared professional engineer.
 - During this past reporting year, there was one project requiring assistance of the engineer.
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Air Quality Program

- *Continue to administer the local burn permit program. District works one-on-one to provide technical assistance to producers with permit application and use of BMPs when burning. District promotes the voluntary reduction in Ag burning and use of alternatives when feasible.*
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Watershed Planning/Conservation/Habitat Restoration

- *District forestry/woodland inventory completed.*
 - *Final district GIS road layer edited and completed.*
 - *Two major district streams mapped.*
 - *District Operator database 75% completed.*
 - *Assistance provided in one livestock water quality complaint/habitat restoration.*
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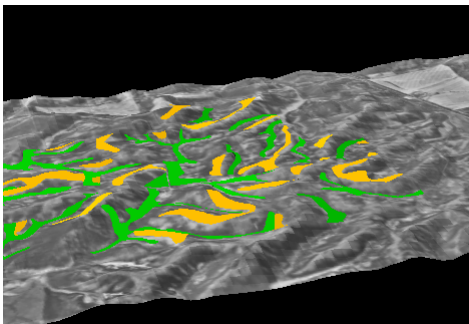
Community Collaboration & Coordination

- *Eighty-two local landowners attended annual information day presentations.*
 - *Cooperating with Spokane County CD in offering low interest loans for Conservation Tillage Equipment to local producers.*
 - *Working with other government entities to re-vitalize and strengthen the Upper Columbia RC&D.*
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Information & Education

- *Sponsored district annual meeting for general public.*
- *Make natural resource presentations to local grade schools as requested.*
- *Participated in assisting with local land judging contest and Envirothon.*
- *Co-publish quarterly district newsletter with a circulation of 900 per quarter.*
- *Co-hosted a County fair booth with approximately 600 people attending or passing through the information booth.*
- *Individual information contacts made with 95% of the district cooperators.*

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land managers with their conservation choices



GIS planning for a combination of Contour Buffers (yellow) and Filter Strips (green).



Local Land judging contest.